

PATENT APPLICATION
PO8041
PS-1137

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICATION OF)
CHRISTOPHER M. ONG ET AL)
SERIAL NUMBER: 10/728,029)
FILED: DECEMBER 4, 2003)
TITLE: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION)
OF LOW MOLECULAR WEIGHT)
HYDROGENATED NITRILE RUBBER)

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)**

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This disclosure statement under 37 CFR 1.97 & 1.98 is submitted before the first Office Action in order that the Patent and Trademark Office may consider the relevancy of certain information to the invention described and claimed in the subject application, and in compliance with the regulations concerning information disclosure statements. Enclosed are copies of the following:

- a) the Search Report received in the corresponding application pending in the European Patent Office; and

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an enveloped addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 4/14/04

Date

Jennifer R. Seng, Reg. No. 45,851

Name of applicant, assignee or Registered Representative

Signature

April 14, 2004

Date

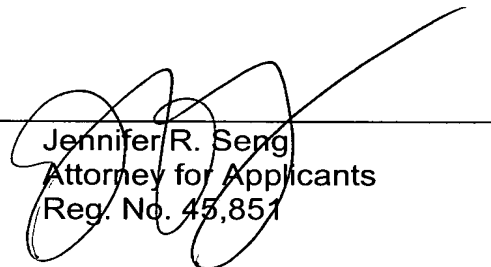
- b) the foreign document and article cited by the European Patent Office in the Search Report on the attached Form PTO-1449.

This Information Disclosure Statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made, that additional information material to the examination of this application does not exist, that any reference mentioned herein constitutes prior art, or that the references listed, severally or in any combination with one another or with any other information, are believed to render any claim in the subject application prima facie unpatentable.

Respectfully submitted,

Bayer Polymers LLC
100 Bayer Road
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15205-9741
(412) 777-3879
FACSIMILE PHONE NUMBER:
(412) 777-3902
s:\bsh\JRS014

By



Jennifer R. Seng
Attorney for Applicants
Reg. No. 45,851

Form PTO 1449 Rev. 7-80	U.S. Department of Commerce Patent and Trademark Office LIST OF PRIOR ART CITED BY APPLICANT (Use Several Sheets If Necessary)	App. Docket No. PS-041/PS-1137 Applicant Christopher M. Ong et al Filing Date December 4, 2003	Sheet 1 of 1 Serial No. 10728,029 Group
-----------------------------------	---	---	--

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
AA	5,446,102	08/29/95	Oziomek et al	525	245	
AB	2002/0111432 A1	08/15/02	Obrecht et al	525	192	
AC						
AD						
AE						
AF						
AG						
AH						
AI						
AJ						
AK						

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
							Yes	No*
	AL	1 152 029	11/07/01	Europe				
	AM							
	AN							
	AO							
	AP							

OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	AR	Journal of Molecular Catalysis, vol. 46, 1988, pages 433-444, XP0008028060
	AS	
	AT	

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
EXAMINER Initial if references considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609: Draw line through if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.	

* Neither English Language Equivalent nor an English Language Translation is available.